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I take him to be the only rich man that lives on what he has, owns nothing and is content.—Howe.

A SANITARY ENGINEER NEEDED

President Pratt of the board of health is making a very worthy suggestion in advocating the employment of a skilled sanitary engineer for the territory's health work. Honolulu is considerably behind the times in sanitation work, partly from lack of funds and partly from the inability to make such funds as the territory has to the most work in the right direction.

Mainland cities and states several years ago began employing sanitary engineers, with surprisingly speedy and beneficial results. One city of 250,000 inhabitants lowered its death rate by almost one-half after a thorough reorganization of its health department, including the establishment of a sanitary office with a trained engineer at its head. Inside of four years the city came to have the lowest death-rate of any municipality of over 100,000 population in the United States.

Sanitary engineering is one of the newer professions, but those who practice it are already taking high positions in the world of men who "do things". It is quite as specialized as electrical engineering or chemical engineering. A sanitary engineer must be more than a physician, as he must be more than a man able to run levels or determine grades. The sanitary engineer aims to prevent disease, dealing with human beings as units of a mass and guarding the whole mass against the attacks of disease. The sanitary engineer deals with problems of impure air, dirty or infected water, street-cleaning, garbage removal, sewage disposal. The sanitary engineer is often a bacteriologist, ever on the search for dangerous and disease-breeding germs.

Col. Gorgas, the man who has cleaned up the Panama Canal zone, is a splendid example of the sanitary engineer. He has scores of specialists under him, and in some lines he is himself a pretty good specialist. His work in Panama has been just as important as that of Goethals, who is to be made a major-general.

The present clumsy system of territorial and municipal health departments should be swept away by the next legislature and a more efficient plan evolved. And in the reorganization that is bound to come sooner or later, that will not be much longer delayed by politics and pull, Honolulu, at least, should secure a sanitary engineer.

There is at present lying somewhere in the executive building an excellent report from the sanitary commission authorized by the last legislature and appointed by Governor Frear. That report was the work of a year by a competent body of men that included such technically-trained engineers as James L. Young and Prof. A. R. Keller, and such medical experts as Dr. Donald H. Currie and Dr. George W. McCoy of the United States public health service.

The report of this commission demonstrated conclusively the need of a sanitary engineer to aid in solving Honolulu's problems of pure water supply, garbage and sewage disposal, tenement-house evils and kindred health questions confronting the municipality. It will pay Honolulu, and pay well, to have such an engineer, and probably the entire territory needs the services of a specialist of this sort.

COMMISSION FORM NOT A CURE-ALL

Commission government is not a cure-all for political evils if the new system is administered by the same old gangs that brought previous systems into disrepute, according to the findings of the board of trade of Savannah, Georgia. The board recently made an investigation of the workings of the commission form of government in American cities. According to the report of its secretary, the commission plan is considered successful in 80 per cent. of the cities where it has been tried. Inquiries were made in twenty-six cities and in no case was there a wholly unfavorable report. Unqualified satisfaction was expressed by twenty-two cities. In four the results were doubtful, but promising. Nineteen cities had shown a marked increase in the efficiency with which public business was transacted. The commission plan immediately eliminated graft in six cities. Wherever there is doubt of the success of the commission plan the failure is reported to have been caused by the control of the city under the commission plan by the same men and agencies that controlled it before the

commission plan was adopted. The commission plan, like any form of government, cannot be good if power is not concentrated in the hands of men of patriotism, honesty of purpose, integrity and capability in administering municipal affairs.

GOV. FREAR HAS COMPANY.

Governor Frear's name is among the scores of appointments held up in the senate, of which the following news dispatch speaks blithely: Washington, Dec. 1.—President Taft can punish as many Roosevelt office-holders as he sees fit without arousing the opposition of the senate, but the members of that august body do not propose to permit him to fill several hundred fat offices with good Taft Republicans after he has purged them of Bull Mooseers.

Arrangements were made today to hold up every Taft appointment till after the 4th of next March, after which day Taft will cease to have anything to say about appointments to government positions.

The arrangement was made by word of mouth and by telephone and by nightfall every Democratic senator understood just what was to be expected of him.

The president expects to send a great number of appointments to the senate for confirmation between now and the 4th of March. The Democrats in the senate intend to hold these appointments up indefinitely. This does not take a majority vote.

Democrats don't believe the repudiated administration should be entitled to fill the offices with men who would serve the next four years.

CHINESE LABOR FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Word comes from Washington that the Chinese minister to Washington, Chang Yin Ting, has advised his government at Peking that a plan is on foot to raise the Chinese exclusion law so far as the Philippine Island are concerned. A bill to this effect is said to have been prepared by a prominent Congressman for introduction at the present session. The object of the movement is to furnish the Philippines with "labor so necessary to the development of agriculture", according to a news dispatch sent out from Peking.

This report ought to prove interesting to Hawaiian planters who are now bringing Filipinos here in large numbers for plantation work. It appears as though some of the Philippine interests much prefer the Chinese. At any rate, there will be a warm little fight in Congress should the bill materialize.

It is likely that the Bull Moose party will make another special appeal for suffrage votes, as Roosevelt did after his sudden conversion a few months ago. Strange to say, the feminine voters did not manifest any wild desire to flock into the Bull Moose camp. In fact, four out of the six suffrage states went against the colonel.

As the Kaimuki improvement club took a leading part in reorganizing the Central Improvement committee, and in keeping it up to a standard of usefulness, it seems a pity that the club should now withdraw from the organization merely to show political resentment at events of the late general election.

Having investigated the money trust and the campaign contributions, Congress will probably now subpoena Santa Claus to appear and testify as to his alleged monopoly of Christmas presents.

Advertisers in the Star-Bulletin report without exception a big increase in Christmas business. Every day the advertising columns of this paper carry invaluable hints on holiday shopping.

The terrible excesses that Turkish soldiers are committing in Gallipoli furnish argument enough for driving the British Ottoman from European soil.

At the speed some of the Turkish statesmen are now running, they will get around to Japan just about in time to fill the vacant cabinet positions.

Two weeks to Christmas. The shopping line is long and the days are short.

The report that Col. Roosevelt is considering taking the premiership of Japan is untrue.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

CHANCES FOR BOYS TO WORK IN HONOLULU.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,

Sir:—Anyone who cares to take the trouble to look into the social and labor conditions here is likely to meet with many surprises, many of which are not only agreeable but quite interesting.

For instance, most people are of the opinion that there are but few chances for boys in this city to learn any business that is worth while; but with the exception of the machine shops, banks and trust companies the contrary is the case.

In all other lines of business, good, honest, intelligent boys—who are not afraid of work or of getting their hands or clothes dirty—are in demand.

In fact, one is surprised to learn of the number of positions open to the white boys of this city, but, strange to say, they are not to be had, and, in consequence, Chinese and Japanese boys are taken on.

There are many reasons given for this state of things, all of which may be more or less true. In the first place, society is blamed, because it is well known that it looks down with contempt upon the laboring class.

The parents of these boys are also blamed because they, as a rule, think more of moneymaking or pleasure than of training their children in the way they should go.

The schools are blamed because they attempt to fill the minds of the children with many subjects that can be of little use in the practical affairs of life, and neglect to teach them anything about the great usefulness and dignity of labor.

The boys themselves are blamed because they have no ambition, or any idea of the great purpose of life, and because their minds seem to run to style in clothes, and to sports and games of all kinds.

It is also thought that this being a tourist resort, and so many seem to live a life of idleness, the boys think they must do likewise; but they forget that these tourists have most likely spent a lifetime in hard work, and are here only on a vacation.

There are many remedies proposed for this unfortunate state of affairs. The first and most important is the proposition to teach the children some kind of trade while at school, and which is being advocated by many of the teachers of the public schools.

A man in the livery stable business suggests that a school be opened for the training of boys to drive and to care for horses. He claims that but few men know how to drive a horse or a team of horses, and that it's a shame to see the way these poor dumb animals are treated.

But what seems to be wanted above everything else are carpenters and if a school were opened for teaching that trade alone a great good would be accomplished.

Of course, if the trades are to be taught in the public schools many different trades could be taught, both for girls and boys; but it is thought that not less than half the time should be given to learning the trade, as many persons consider that more important than education.

In the old time it was considered a crime to neglect to teach the children some useful work, and even the sons of the rich had to learn some useful trade. Yours very truly,

GEO. OSBORNE.

A WORD FROM THE BOY SCOUTS.

Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America

Honolulu, Dec. 11, 1912.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,

Sir:—I beg to thank you, not only for my self, but also for the gentlemen that are behind the Boy Scout Movement in Hawaii, for the more than courteous treatment you have accorded us through the columns of your valued paper. There is no doubt but that the seed you have helped to sow "fell upon fertile ground". The meeting of Scoutmasters held last evening at headquarters in Kawaiahao lane demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that the real meaning of the Movement is becoming known. The intention never was to make this organization into a military or even a semi-military body, but to inculcate manners, morals, reverence, self-reliance, obedience and chivalry in the youngster or rather to develop that innate sense of proper conduct, which almost every boy of twelve possesses.

You have already published a splendid account of our recent missionary work on the island of Maui. I have a letter from Mr. Cooper of Hana which is worth all the time and trouble the boys were put to; they are going ahead with a will over there and our own boys will have to look to their laurels in the near future.

Napoleon said "the world is built up by imagination." Nothing more true. Our dreams are at last coming true, and I can close my eyes and see a large field, jammed to the fring

with eager citizens, grown folk of every walk of life, watching the Scout Rally of the near future, an Inter-Island Scout Rally, with all the islands represented, a baby Olympiad with brothers competing in friendly rivalry in first-aid, life-saving and nimble activities of all sorts, with vocational exhibits from many a scattered workshop, a big athletic meet to wind up the show with malle lels for prizes. Do not wake me; the dream is too wonderful. Everything seems to be coming our way, due in no small measure to your columns, but now is the time for all of us to steady down and live up to our Scout Laws. We are watched by older and younger brothers and it is "up to us" to STAY WITH THE GAME.

With aloha nui, I am,

Gratefully yours,

JAMES AUSTIN WILDER,

Scout Commissioner.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

"I yield to none in my admiration for his fine character and great abilities."—Woodrow Wilson.

He will be judged, as time goes on, Not by the ballots which men waste, Dropped in their anger or their haste;

Not by mere contests waged and won, By none of these, when all is done!

Some day his name will find its place, Lettered in honor on the page; History acknowledge him a sage And praise him for his kindly grace, Wholesome in spirit as in face!

And when the books are closed, his name Will lead the others who have striven To blacken his, and who have thriven (To us a people be the shame) Upon their fluency in blame!

He was for universal peace, Our children's children all will say, Wiser and greatest of his day, He prayed and worked for war to cease.

He loved the Brotherhood and Peace! All praise, "defeated" President, Victorious yet o'er those who sneer, There is not one who stands a peer With better faith and firm intent In efforts for good government.

E. S. GOODHUE.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

DR. J. S. B. PRATT—I found health conditions on Hawaii exceptionally good.

PROMOTION WOOD—We have made arrangements with our representative in Japan to supply the Cleveland with booklets and other matter advertising the Hawaiian Islands, so that the tourists will have some knowledge of Hawaii and Honolulu before their arrival here.

JOHN EFFINGER—The election of Wilson will influence more and more the thinking citizens of Honolulu into fealty with one or the other of the two great parties, and those in this city who are in favor of the proposed new charter for Honolulu should seek the support of the party to which they belong.

ALEX. LINDEAY, JR.—Strange, that in these days of specialization we have so few men with a thorough, practical knowledge of government. Almost every man of consequence in any of the arts, industries or sciences today is a specialist—if he were not he couldn't be of consequence. Yet how few who seek to hold public office are masters of statesmanship and specially trained to handle governmental problems! The criticism applies to national as well as local government.

TACOMA, Dec. 1.—On a diet of crackers and water, and for the last five days without even that, four Japanese stowaways existed for eighteen days in the hold of the Japanese steamer Seattle Maru, only to be captured by immigration authorities yesterday, when success seemed about to crown their efforts.

The four Japanese, all neatly dressed, had managed to leave the steamer, when the immigration watchman spied them on the dock. All were very weak and were placed in the care of a physician.

According to their story the stowaways stole on board the liner at Yokohama and secreted themselves in the No. 2 hatch, which was later sealed. The four are being held for deportation, and say they expect they will be imprisoned when they reach Japan.

"I suppose," observed the tramp, bitterly, "you would like to have me et of the earth. But I cannot."

"Have you tried soft soap?" asked the woman in the blue gingham dress, dispassionately.

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Kaimuki 45.00	Waipio 12.00
Rahala Beach..... 50.00, 75.00	Wilder Avenue 35.00
Nuuanu Avenue .. 80.00	Kaimuki 30.00
Pacific Heights .. 100.00	Aloha Moana and
College Hills 75.00	Eda Roads 50.00
Wahiawa 30.00	College Hills 50.00
	Kalihi \$6.00, 15.00
	Pawaia Lane 18.00
	Puunui Avenue ... 30.00

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We have property for sale in this district as follows:
House and two lots, Palolo Hill \$3500.00
House and two lots, Wilhelmina Rise \$2500.00
House and lot, Park Ave., Kaimuki \$2800.00
House and lot, Sixth Ave., Kaimuki \$2700.00
3 lots, cor. Kaimuki and Eighteenth Ave. \$1450.00
Claudine Ave. lots \$ 400.00
Lot on Palolo Hillside \$ 550.00
1450 Kewalo St. \$6000.00

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